



Rumorang

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About the Book:

Rumorang begins when Sam confidentially tells Roger that he wants to have lunch with Petunia. Roger shares the secret with a few friends, and those friends tell more friends until there are many rumors flying around the playground. By the time the rumors reach Petunia, they are nothing like the original. The story gets even wackier when Petunia's angry words get twisted through the playground in the opposite direction. Vibrant artwork and plenty of word play make *Rumorang* a raucous story that will have readers laughing along as they relate to the familiar school scenes and hilarious scenarios.

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Age Range: 5 to 8

Grade Level: K to 2

THEMES: Secrets,
Rumors, Integrity,
Truthfulness, Honesty,
Loyalty, Friendship

About the Author:

Janice Brown lives in Southern California with her two sons and husband. When not writing, Janice volunteers her time helping several nonprofit organizations and works as an anti-bias trainer for teachers and students. Janice enjoys traveling, snorkeling, and spending time with family and friends.



Rumorang Defined:

The Urban Dictionary defines a **rumorang** as a rumor that returns and spreads, often more than once, despite having been dismissed before. Much like a boomerang, the rumorang comes back after it has been refuted and tossed away. In the book *Rumorang*, Brown guides the young reader through the instigation, development, and consequences of the rumor process in a lively, yet poignant manner.



Meet the Characters:



PETUNIA: "Don't you think recess is the most funtastic part of the day?"

Petunia invites young readers to consider aspects of originality that dwell within them.



SAM: "Don't tell anyone, but I like the things that Petunia says. She's funny."

Sam invites young readers to remember a time when one's words were twisted.



ROGER: Roger loved having a secret and thought it would be even better if he shared it with some friends.

Roger invites young readers to recall a time when they talked about a friend to others.



GRACIE: When Gracie heard the rumors, she raced over to Petunia.

Gracie invites young reader to explore the qualities of true friendship.

Topics of Discussion:

- A rumor is defined as being a fabricated story, one that is false and made up. Consider how a rumor might be harmful to others.
- Oftentimes rumors are twisted tales, stories that have been altered in the process of retelling. Determine the difference between a rumor and truth.
- List the qualities of true friendship.
- Tell of a time that your words were misinterpreted. How did you feel when this happened?
- Discuss a time when you defended a friend instead of participating in a spreading a rumor about them.
- List ways a person can avoid spreading rumors.



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